

Our youth want so desperately to take hold of their destiny and work to ensure a brighter and more prosperous future. There is so much they can do—all they need is the opportunity.

**HONORING THE FRIEDENS CHURCH  
OF CHRIST IN IRVINGTON, ILLI-  
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**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 23, 2000*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the Friedens Church of Christ in Irvington, Illinois. They recently celebrated their 110th anniversary.

The anniversary was marked with a celebration and the display of the Bible which was donated to the congregation in 1919 by Kaiser Wilhelm II, former emperor of Germany. The Bible, which was autographed by the Kaiser, is the oldest in the area, and was given to their pastor, Rev. Rauch, who had previously served as pastor of the Evangelical Church in Berlin that was attended by Wilhelm II.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage them and thank them for their many years of ministry. I wish the church continued growth and another 110 years of service.

**HONORING BOBBY MITCHELL'S  
TEN YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE  
LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA SOCI-  
ETY**

**HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 23, 2000*

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great honor to rise today to pay tribute to Bobby Mitchell's ten years of service to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Before contributing to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Bobby starred for the Cleveland Browns and Washington Redskins of the National Football League (NFL) from 1958–1968. His prolific football career earned him election to the Hall of Fame in 1983. Today, Bobby Mitchell serves as the Assistant General Manager for the Washington Redskins. In addition to his managerial duties, Bobby has made defeating leukemia a goal of his since his pro-football days.

Bobby's motivation to beat leukemia, is linked to the death of a friend, Ernie Davis, a leukemia victim. Ironically, former Heisman trophy winner, Davis, was traded from the Washington Redskins to the Cleveland Browns in 1961 for Bobby Mitchell. To prevent leukemia from seizing other gifted citizens lives, Bobby joined forces with David Timko, Executive Director of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, in 1990. Their mission was to raise money for leukemia research to help find a cure for this dreadful disease. As a solution, Bobby proposed hosting a golf and tennis tournament featuring members of the football and basketball Hall of Fame. Through Bobby's dedication, the event has become the

nation's largest annual gathering of Hall of Famers.

Since the Hall of Fame Golf & Tennis Classic's inception a decade ago, the tournament has drawn such legendary names as Joe Namath, Bill Russell, and Oscar Robertson. Their presence has assisted in raising over \$1.5 million for leukemia research. Thanks to these philanthropic contributions, we can now generate public awareness, provide support programs for patients and their families, and educate health professionals about the latest advances in leukemia diagnosis and treatment. I am confident that Bobby and his fellow Hall of Famers have brought us one step closer to a cure.

It gives me great pleasure to announce that the 10th anniversary of the Bobby Mitchell Chrysler Plymouth Hall of Fame Golf & Tennis Classic will take place on the weekend of July 8th and 9th at the Lansdowne Resort in Lansdowne, Virginia. Players and fans alike will join in remembering Tom Landry, legendary coach of the Dallas Cowboys and winner of two super bowls, himself a leukemia victim. Seeing a celebrated citizen in Tom Landry pass away, highlights the need for more Bobby Mitchell's who are willing to help find a cure for leukemia.

Mr. Speaker, in closing I would like to thank Bobby Mitchell for his ten years of service to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. In hosting the Hall of Fame Golf & Tennis Classic for the last ten years, Bobby has led a revolution of football and basketball Hall of Famers against the dreadful disease of leukemia. With his leadership and selfless dedication to the cause, valuable funds have been raised for leukemia research. I know my colleagues join me in honoring Bobby Mitchell for this ten years of service to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

**HONORING THE UNITED STATES  
COAST GUARD CUTTER CONIFER**

**HON. STEVEN T. KUYKENDALL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 23, 2000*

Mr. KUYKENDALL. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the United States Coast Guard Cutter CONIFER, currently homeported on Terminal Island in San Pedro, California. Today the CONIFER will be decommissioned after 57 years of distinguished service.

A member of the Coast Guard's Buoy Tender fleet, the CONIFER was commissioned on May 4, 1943. Throughout the years, many have relied upon the Coast Guard Cutter CONIFER to perform lighthouse service visits and renovations, service weather data gathering buoys, perform law enforcement operations, assist with national defense, protect the environment, and perform search and rescue missions.

The CONIFER has had an illustrious history, patrolling the nation's waterways and ensuring the safety of those navigating the high seas. Shortly after being commissioned, the Conifer was called upon to patrol the North Atlantic during World War II. Nearly six decades later, it was the CONIFER serving as the On Scene

Commander in charge of search and rescue efforts following the crash of Alaska Airlines flight 261 off Point Mugu in January. She and her crew have served the country with honor and distinction.

Based in San Pedro the last 14 years, the CONIFER has patrolled the waters of southern California. The seafaring men and women of the Conifer have touched the lives of many during her tenure in San Pedro. We are grateful for her service.

Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty, these are the core values of the United States Coast Guard. The CONIFER exemplified these values during her service to the nation and southern California over the last 57 years.

For nearly six decades, the CONIFER has served the nation with great diligence and distinction. I commend the men and women who have served aboard the CONIFER over the years. I also commend Lieutenant Commander Jeff Loftus and his crew for their service to southern California. Your contributions to the community are deeply appreciated. We look forward to the Coast Guard's continued presence in the region when the Coast Guard Cutter George COBB assumes the CONIFER's duties this fall.

**HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVER-  
SARY OF THE KOREAN WAR**

**HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 23, 2000*

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, this Sunday, June 25 will be the 50th anniversary of the commencement of the Korean War. I join my colleagues, veterans, their families and all Americans in forever memorializing those who fought and died in the quest for freedom in South Asia.

Millions today live in freedom and thrive in economic prosperity as a direct result of the U.S. and our U.N. allies intervening in Korea and taking a stand on the 38th parallel. For that sacrifice, I applaud the thousands of veterans who risked and sacrificed their lives so others could be free. Your service will stand as a permanent reminder of our nation's commitment to securing freedom and liberty for all.

Last week we saw a historic meeting which many regard as the first step towards reuniting North and South Korea. While eventual reunification would still take many years of patient diplomacy, such an event looks more and more like a reality. I am hopeful that we can close this chapter and bring home our troops who continue to face danger along the de-militarized zone (DMZ).

All across the country, Americans have been and will be commemorating the Korean War. I commend all those who take time out from their everyday lives to pay homage to those who served and sacrificed in Korea. I express my hope that across San Antonio, in South Texas, all over the U.S. and around the world, Americans will make every effort to remember the price we paid in that conflict.

Earlier this session, the House unanimously passed H.J. Res. 86, recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War.